

Police to Ask Convict About Dansey Murder

Man in Jersey Prison for Attack on Girl of 10 Is Suspected as Officials Unite on Strangle Theory

Billy's Mother Is Told

News of Baby's Death Given Her by Neighbor; Details of Crime Are Withheld

Special Correspondence

HAMMONTON, N. J., Nov. 22.—The finding of Billy Dansey's skeleton yesterday in a swamp near here has lifted only a corner of the curtain of mystery surrounding the disappearance of the thirty-months-old child October 8. All that is known definitely now that was not known before is that Billy Dansey is dead.

The authorities still believe that he met death by violence, but have no more on which to base this theory than they had last night when they pointed out that the boy's clothes had been removed and were found scattered for fifty feet about the skeleton. They intend, however, to interrogate a man serving a sentence of from five to thirty years in the state's prison at Trenton concerning Billy Dansey. This man was convicted in this vicinity about three weeks ago of an attack upon ten-year-old girl.

Despite the suspicion engendered by the widely scattered clothing of the boy and the fact that his body was found at a spot which it is thought he could not have reached alone, E. C. Gaskill Jr., County Prosecutor, is wary of proceeding further on theory and is hunting facts.

"I have ended with theories," he said today. "I had hoped that the boy would be found alive. In fact, at the time of the boy's disappearance I made the statement that he would be returned by Sunday to his parents. That was how confident I was of one theory that we were trying to substantiate."

Rumors, mysterious telephone calls and letters already are doing to reveal any further information as to the manner in which he met his death. Because no bones were broken, the investigators are inclined to believe the boy was strangled. There is also a belief that he was killed near his home and his body carried to the swamp for concealment.

His mother, Mrs. Hercules Dansey, who has been confident that he was alive, is prostrated by the proof of his death.

News Broken to Mother

It was not until today, when the evidence had been reviewed and seemed undeniable, that the news of her boy's death was broken to Mrs. Dansey. The investigation was made yesterday by a neighbor who recognized at once the clothing found near the tiny skeleton.

The task of hearing the news of Billy's death to his mother fell to another neighbor, Mrs. J. H. Aigner, wife of a navy captain. The suspicion of foul play Mrs. Aigner withheld from the mother. She told her only that her son was dead and that his body had been found in Folsom's Swamp.

"On God," cried Mrs. Dansey, "I can't understand it! I always believed Billy would be found alive. Oh, where are my legs?"

"He is with God," said Mrs. Aigner gently.

Mrs. Dansey fell into her embrace, her body racked with sobs.

"I suppose it is God's will," said Mrs. Dansey, when she could command her voice. "But it is hard to understand."

Memories Come to Mother

With the tears had come a flood of recollections and the vague sense of blame which every mother feels when her child is killed. Instead of the black gray morning, the skeleton trees and the dead leaves whirling in the yard, Mrs. Dansey beheld again the calm brilliant morning of six weeks ago when Billy, playing in the dahlia bed, had come in to ask for his sweater—the little brown sweater, which was found nearly fifty feet from Billy's skeleton.

"He came to the door," murmured

Billy Dansey's Last Picture



A photograph taken three days before the "prize baby" disappeared. It shows the clothes he wore, which were found near his skeleton.

Mrs. Dansey, "and called, 'Mavver,' he said, 'he couldn't say 'mother.' Mavver, he said, 'give me my sweater, I'm cold.' I gave it to him and he went away. I never saw him again. And the wind is so cold in the swamp pines there in the swamp where they found him." On, if I hadn't given him that sweater, maybe he never would have gone away!"

Mrs. Dansey broke down again.

Guards Are Stationed

Although every effort is being made to solve the mystery and a guard is stationed in Folsom's Swamp to prevent the morbidly curious from destroying any clues that may have escaped the close search of the ground that already has been made, the officials are far from sanguine.

"There is nothing to indicate foul play," said Dr. Louis R. Scudder, county physician, after examining the skeleton, "though it would seem unlikely that the boy roamed to the isolated swamp by himself. I believe Billy was murdered, but it will be difficult to prove."

Prosecutor Gaskill was seriously more doubtful, though declaring his belief that Billy had been strangled, and his intention of devoting his entire energy to discovering how he met his death and who was responsible.

"There is no intention," he said, "of sparing effort or expense in discovering the murderer. We expect to hold an inquest, because the public seems to demand that the investigation be as thorough as it can be made."

One-Stop Flight to Coast to Start Tuesday

Lieutenant Maynard Will Take Off at Mineola at Daylight if the Weather Is Good

Lieutenant Melvin W. Maynard, the "flying parson," who won the 5,400 mile transcontinental air race, probably will start on his one-stop flight across the country to San Diego, Cal., at daylight Tuesday.

The start will depend upon the weather, and the progress made rebuilding the wings of his specially constructed biplane. "Greyhound" biplane wings were slightly scratched in a test flight last week. Since then mechanics have been rebuilding the wings, and putting on new fabric.

If the work is completed in time, Lieutenant Maynard will take off from Mitchell Field, L. I., early Tuesday. His first flight will be a non-stop run of 1,800 miles to Dallas, Tex.

"I can make Dallas," said Lieutenant Maynard yesterday, "only if I leave Mineola by daylight, otherwise it would be impossible to reach Dallas before dark."

The day after he reaches Dallas, Lieutenant Maynard will fly to San Diego without stop. On his return, he plans to fly from the California city to Dayton, Ohio, without a stop, thence to Mineola.

The flight to Dallas will take about fourteen hours. Should he experience strong winds it may take sixteen to seventeen hours.

If the biplane is completed in time, he will make a test flight to-morrow afternoon, and may fly over the city.

Big Sugar Stocks Held for 1920 Soon Will Be Released

Speculators Expected to Make Large Profit When Control Was Released, Says U. S. Food Administrator

Thousands of pounds of sugar probably will be thrown on the market following the fixing of new sugar regulations to cover the 1920 crop by Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, who was made Food Administrator on Friday, Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams predicted yesterday.

Mr. Williams pointed out that although about eighty million pounds of sugar were being refined weekly, the situation was not being relieved as rapidly as should be expected. This convinces him, he said, that dealers were holding sugar for 1920, when it was believed up to Friday, sugar regulations would be at an end.

"These dealers probably are convinced now," Mr. Williams said, "that they cannot hope to get an exorbitant price next year, because new regulations will be in vogue. Holding their sugar merely will mean the tying up of their capital and they undoubtedly will sell immediately."

"There is no doubt that had sugar not been regulated the price would be in the neighborhood of twenty-five cents a pound at retail. I have four requests on my desk made by dealers asking to be permitted to sell sugar at twenty-one and twenty-two cents a pound, saying it had cost them almost that much. We never will approve such transactions, because the sugar involved would not materially affect the situation, while the moral effect would be almost disastrous."

Henry F. Costello, chairman of the new sugar division of the Sugar Equalization Board, yesterday gave permission to dealers to dispose of 300,000 tons of Porto Rican sugar, held for export, at fourteen cents a pound on the local market. Although this is four cents a pound higher than the government's fixed price, the dealers were able to show that the sugar had cost them almost as much. Mr. Costello had stopped the exporting of this sugar because of the local demand. He

said it was not going to retailers, but would be allocated to manufacturers. The government's intention to fix a flat general price of 12 cents a pound was criticized yesterday by George A. Zabriskie, chairman of the Sugar Equalization Board. Without such action, he said, reduction in the sugar price might be expected.

He pointed out that the establishment of a flat rate would operate as an automatic minimum to raise the price of all beet sugar produced in this country, most of which can be produced on a 10½ or even a 10 cent basis. He added that Cuban producers would be inspired under the fixed 12-cent rate to hold their entire output for that price.

Mr. Zabriskie expressed the belief that the sugar shortage in various parts of the country was only temporary. He said it was too late for fixing effective government control for next year, and that when the Sugar Equalization Board goes out of existence at the end of the year regulation would be limited to the prevention of profiteering.

Educators Urge U. S. To Aid Louvain Fund

Presidents of Leading Schools Impassioned Need of Raising Money for Belgians

An appeal to the people of the United States to contribute to the fund of \$500,000 to be raised for the restoration and equipment of the library at the University of Louvain was made last night by university presidents, prominent clergymen, statesmen and publicists.

Bishop Charles Sumner Burch, of the Episcopal Church, said: "It would be a discredit to New York and this country if we did not do our best to restore a university which has done such good work in the past and will do just as good work in the future, if given the means of war."

President A. Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard; Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia; W. H. P. Faunce, of Brown; John H. Finley, of the University of the State of New York; Frank J. Goodnow, of Johns Hopkins; John Grier Hibben, of Princeton; Jacob Gould Schurman, of Cornell; Edgar F. Smith, provost of the University of Pennsylvania; William Miller Collier, of George Washington, and Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, joined in commending the raising of the fund.

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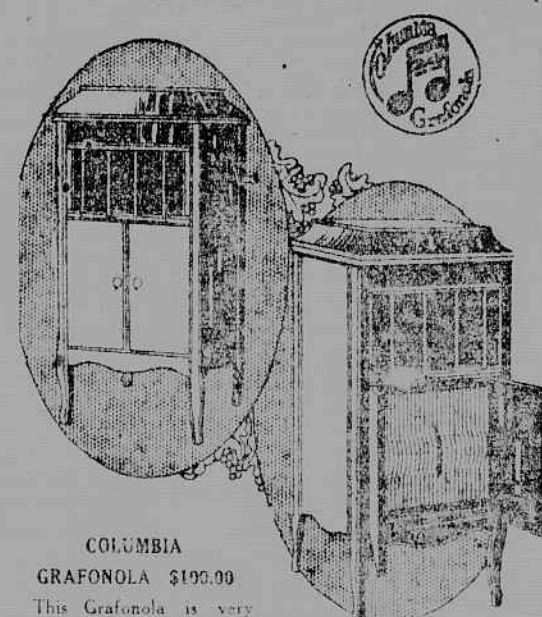
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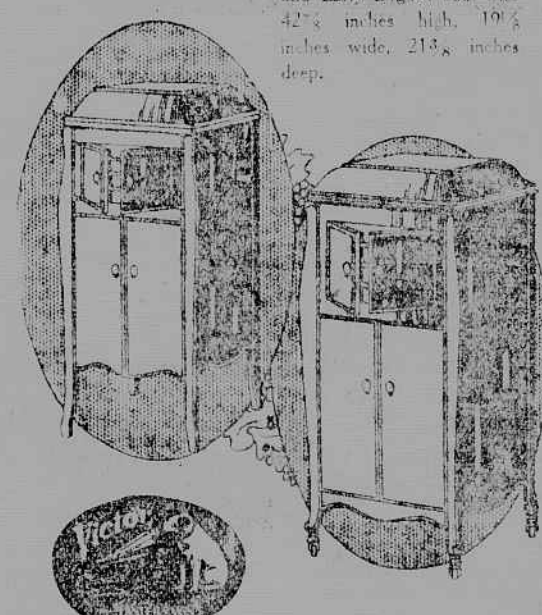
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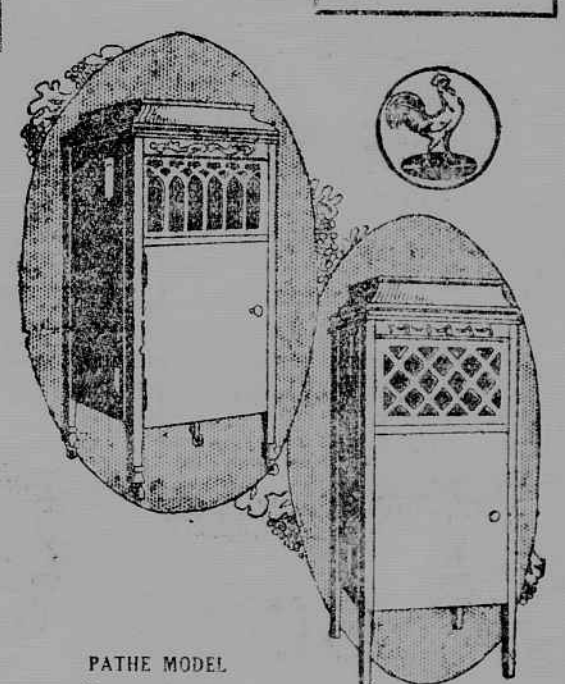


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